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REARRANGEMENT OF
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REARRANGEMENT OF PROVINCES, FROSINONE & LITTORIA
OCT., NOV. 1944

Minute Sheet 6

To COS

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See pages 1 & 2. also minute 12.

J. C. O. C. A. S. suggests that A/C. S. may wish to raise this matter at his next meeting with Grain Minute, surely pointing out the Administration objections to any change at the

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R. R. Knappe / cos.

C.A.S.

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I do not think it is worth while ~~to~~ prosecute the matter further than para 3 on p. 2.

W.S. / 6/11

To Local Govt.

Please see minute 11 from C. & S. which closes the case for the moment.

W.A.S. Jollard, Mayor

C.A.S. per V.P.

O.K. (P.T.T.)
4 Nov.

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DATE

27 Oct. 44

C.A.S.

MINUTE SHEET No. 5
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Pursuant to your minute No. 5 and letter page 9, I saw H.E. BERRUTI, Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Interior, and brought up the question of the re-alignment of the provinces of Frosinone and Littoria, and the re-creation of the provinces of Caserta and Gaeta, informally in connection with another matter that I had to discuss with H.E. I informed BERRUTI that a Prefect named SEPE had been in to see me in connection with the possibility of his being designated as Prefect. SEPE had told me that he did not want to be considered for a northern province, but was particularly anxious to be considered as a Prefect for one of the new provinces that was being established; namely, Caserta or Gaeta. I added that there had been rumors to this effect before, but we had taken no action. Since SEPE's remarks made the rumor more tangible, I thought perhaps H.E. BERRUTI would let me have his observations.

BERRUTI said that it was not a rumor; that there was a general idea prevailing in the Government to re-create Gaeta and Caserta, as well as to abolish Littoria and possibly Frosinone. He said that an Inspector General of the Ministry had just submitted a report, and was supplementing it after gathering more information. He pointed out that CROCE was interested in the re-creation of Caserta, which was an old province with long traditions and had been anti-fascist. Littoria, he pointed out, is an artificial province created by the Fascists. Frosinone is the center of the province and it was contemplated that parts would be lopped off in order to make Rome province bigger. The plan does not involve a reduction in the number of provinces: it merely makes a re-alignment of boundaries.

I asked BERRUTI whether the basis was administrative, or historical and traditional. BERRUTI answered that it was purely historical and traditional, that the administrative changes would be rather extensive. It would mean the drawing up of new tax lists, new staffs, movement of records, opening of new offices, and other administrative changes. BERRUTI then volunteered the statement that he personally thought the time was not opportune for these changes and that he would present this personal view to the Minister when his opinion was requested. He said that, for example, Frosinone had suffered very heavy damages from the war and he did not think it was appropriate to make the extensive changes now.

Inasmuch as BERRUTI had informally give me his views, I thought it was opportune to take advantage of that and hint at what ACC's attitude toward this was. I therefore told BERRUTI that since he had been courteous enough to give me his personal views off the record, I might give him our unofficial attitude. I informed him that I quite agreed with his views of postponing the execution of the plan, in view of the greater importance of other problems, and the extensive administrative upset that would be created by a re-alignment now. I also told him that I would have to report to Headquarters that the rumor had a factual basis, and further that if he

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In view of the fact that this matter has passed the rumor stage, do you wish to follow up my interview with a formal communication to the Government, and also notify the RC, Lazio-Umbria Region accordingly?

R. R. Temple
R. R. TEMPLE capt
Local gant. S/C

Date

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04.20.

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(6) Demanded was please on my next meeting. L.
R.C.T.

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The witnesses by P.C.O.T. & land Gov. S.C.

Minute. 5.

You will be kept informed.

R.R. Rupp

22 OCT. 44.

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Please see 1 + succeeding minutes. Letter after
is submitted for sig.

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This is = C.A.S. subject. Letter should issue
as from you.

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R.R. Rupp

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MINUTE SHEET No. 3

DATE

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(1) An almost similar problem came up in your predecessor's time in Matera/Cozenza. I advised strongly against any change, but was overruled.

(2) My views have not changed, nor can my advice.

(3) I agree with minute (3) also Col. Polatti's letter as at 1.

(4). The Italian Govt. have not raised the question with me at all, possibly may not do so, but go ahead on their own. I fail to see how we can stop them, unless we can state that such a change would hinder the war effort. Do you wish me to inform Ital. Govt. in the matter, or to let sleeping dogs lie?

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V.F. L.G.

R.A./H.M. 1358
H.M.

I deprecate acting on rumour but I dare say that the subject may occur quite casually in your next talk with the Ministry of the Interior + you can let me know if there really is anything in the wind.

CA See

Will you please comment on 1.

19 Oct 44

Local Govt. Sec

Your comments, please

20 Oct 44

WGS Jotted, Major
CA Section

G. H. Gordon Cpt
Office of CQS.

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Minute 23

20 October 1944

Col. Spicer:

1. Before any comment is written on the minute sheet, may I suggest the following:
2. Although the matter of the reorganization of the Italian machinery of government is primarily the responsibility of the Italian Government (Captain Williams has already pointed that out in Minute No. 7, File 4/1/34/INT) this is perhaps hardly an appropriate time to indulge in administrative changes which Heaven knows are necessary. Social and economic problems are far more important now and the existing machinery of government should be utilized to its fullest extent, impeding obstacles being removed, to solve those pressing problems.
3. The rearrangement of the provinces mentioned may very likely bring about a wholesome, efficient administration in those areas. To that extent, it may be a desirable thing to consult the Italian Government to get their views and plans and thus encourage them to think along all lines of administrative reformation. However, our present position should be to discourage the changes now. Hence I agree with Col. Poletti that any proposed rearrangement be postponed.

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for.
RALPH R. TEMPLE
Captain
Chief Executive Officer
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

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Ref : ACC/1/4/LG

25 October 1944

SUBJECT : Rearrangement of the Provinces
of Frosinone and Littoria .

TO : R.C. LAZIO - UMBRIA Region .

Reference your R/2490 of 14 October 1944.

1. This Headquarters has not had any information that the Italian Government is planning to rearrange the provinces of Frosinone and Littoria and possibly to recreate the provinces of Caserta and Gaeta.

2. The Local Government Sub-Commission will ask the Minister of Interior informally if such plans have been proposed.

3. This Headquarters is in agreement with your views, but should the Minister wish to carry out the plan, ACC can state objections but cannot forbid the Italian Government to re-arrange provinces.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R.U.

G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec.
Dep. C. o. S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO - 394

R/2190

19 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Re-arrangement of the Provinces of Frosinone and Littoria

TO : Chief of Staff
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. There are considerable rumors in Rome that the Italian Government is planning to re-arrange the provinces of Frosinone and Littoria and the possible re-creating of the provinces of Caserta and Gaeta.

2. In my opinion, such a re-arrangement at this time can only serve to delay further the rehabilitation of the Italian machinery of administration. We are having enough trouble as it is. Any proposed re-arrangement should be postponed until the Italian machinery is functioning more efficiently than we have thus far been able to achieve.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner



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